

St. Paul's Success

A Great Man's Success yet
Phil. 3:13, 14 "Brethren, I count not myself to have
laid hold (on perfection); but one thing I do,
forgetting the things that are behind, and stretching
forward to the things which are before, I press on
towards the goal unto the prize of the high calling
of God in Christ Jesus."

Intro. Nothing arouses the success-attitude like
the study of an outstanding successful man.
Let us direct our attention to the most remarkable Xn
of all the centuries - the Apostle Paul.
Read the text.

I. "I count not myself to yet to have laid hold."
1. In prison at close of his career.
2. Not yet perfected in X. Now was his work finished.

II. "But this one thing I do" - Concentration.
Not a dozen things, but this one thing alone all.
1. Concentration in the business world.
2. " " " world of science & art.
3. The same concentration needed in the realm of religion.
Jesus says, "If you would be my disciple, then
I must come first. I must come before father &
mother, or the dearest loved one of your life. I
must come before your business or your property
or your social standing. God must come first."

III. "Forgetting the things that are behind."
Remembering & Forgetting in the Bible.
What ought we to forget?

1. Our blunders
2. Our losses
3. Our injuries
4. Our successes
5. Our sorrows

6. Our sins.

"Where sin abounded grace did much more
abound."

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8- yrs ago in Texas family burned to death - all
save one little girl.
Girl sent to Buckner's Orphan Home.
Buckner met her at the train.
"You will have to be my mama & papa both."
"I will, the best I can, Mary."
A group of the children around Buckner kissing him.
Mary aside, weeping.
"Mary, why don't you come & kiss me?"
"O papa Buckner, I could not ask you to kiss me,
I am so ugly. But if you will just love me
like you love the rest of the children, then
you need not kiss me."
Pushing the other children away he took Mary in
his arms & kissing her over & over again,
"Mary, you are just as beautiful to papa
Buckner as are any of the rest."
However badly burned by sin we may be, our
Heavenly Father loves us and stands ready to
give us the kiss of reconciliation.
IV. Stretching forward to the things that are before, I
press on.
What are you living for? What are your
eyes for? Your hands? Your tongue? Your talents?
A man said, I am taking over a world at a time.
God wants us to be citizens of two worlds.
To live in just one you fail in both.
1st man - "One world at a time." Died in fear
2nd man - Believed in X & God - but gave them only
a small corner of his heart. When he died,
3rd man - gave himself wholly to X & lived accordingly.
His death - a glorious victory
others said "If ever there was a true, true man
was one."
Which kind of a life do you prefer to
live?